

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 12, line 19 and ending at line 20, with the following.

--Figure 16 ~~is a flow chart~~ illustrates the relationship between Figures 16(a) and 16(b), and Figures 16(a) and 16(b) are flow charts regarding control in Embodiment 1.--

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 13, line 3 and ending at line 4, with the following.

--Figure 20 ~~is a flow chart~~ illustrates the relationship between Figures 20(a) and 20(b), and Figures 20(a) and 20(b) are flow charts regarding control in Embodiment 2.--

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 13, line 27 and ending at page 14, line 1, with the following.

--Figure 28 ~~is a~~ shows the relationship between Figures 28(a) and 28(b), and Figures 28(a) and 28(b) are flow chart charts regarding control in Embodiment 3.--

Please insert the following paragraph at page 14, between lines 7 and 8:

--Figures 31(a) and 31(b) are graphs showing the solid black density progression and the line image progression, respectively.--

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 14, line 8 and ending at line 9, with the following.

Figure 32 ~~is a flow chart~~ shows the relationship between Figures 32(a) and 32(b),  
and Figures 32(a) and 32(b) are flow charts regarding control in Embodiment 4.--